Volunteers share knowledge

Pictured above is Mrs. Jeannie Clabough sharing information about the skeleton, parts of the body, nutrition, and ways to keep healthy bodies. All Kindergarten children were exposed to the hands-on-activity during the two days of January 24 and 25. Cow and deer skulls were displayed.

With Mrs. Jill Scott assisting, Mrs. Clabough introduced a brief study of anatomy to the Gifted/Talented students. As a follow-up, projects, creative writing, research using Childcraft's "All About Me", and art experiences were correlated with the enrichment theme "Skeletons."

Local 4-H students plan to plant pine tree seedlings

Seventy 4-H members have submitted applications for pine seedlings this year. The seedlings will be delivered about April 1 from the Virginia Division of Forestry. The seventy 4-H'ers who have signed up are nearly forty percent more than last year.

Several parents have expressed interest in white pines. The only white pines made available to 4-H'ers in counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains are those which will be used in a Christmas Tree plantation.

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The 4-H Achievers Club will sponsor a porgram on the dangers of using alcohol, tobacco and drugs on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the District Extension Office (next to the Post Office) in Appomattox. This program will be presented by the Virginia State Police. Concerned 4-H'ers and their parents are invited.

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Thirteen 4-H'ers completed 4-H Achievement Records. They were: Laurie Cowan, David Caldwell, Glen McClenny, Laura Walton, Rhonda Nash, Terri Nash, Blair Smith, Allen Smith, Susan Shorter, Susan Parris, Lisa Moore, Cheryl Walton and Jane Guill. Now is the time for 4-H'ers to begin planning for next year's record.

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Six Appomattox 4-H'ers and ex-4-H'ers participated in the All-Star Mid-Winter Conference at Harrisonburg recently. Taking part were Joe Ford, Pam Moore, Ernie Chenault, Lisa Moore, David Caldwell and Susan Parris. Joe, who is a Senior at Radford College, was awarded a $200 scholarship from the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All-Stars.

Memorial UMC men slate supper

The United Methodist Men of Memorial United Methodist Church will hold a pancake supper at the church Feb. 15 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Cost for the supper is $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children age 12 and under.

The supper, an "all-you-can-eat" affair, will be held at the church. Proceeds will be used to support various community projects conducted by the Methodist Men.

Locals attend Ruritan convention

Among the more than 1800 people (724 voting delegates, 900 other Ruritans, and about 500 wives and other family members) from 1367 Ruritan Clubs throughout the United States who met in St. Louis, Missouri from Jan. 24-26 to attend the 49th annual convention were, Frank H. Baber III, President of the Cartersville Ruritan Club; Ernest P. Bedner, President of the Keysville Ruritan Club and Mrs. Bedner, Horace W. Coleman, Jr. of the Pamplin Ruritan Club and Mrs. Coleman.

In addition to the regular meetings open to Ruritans and wives, there was one especially for the 500 women present. This convention marks the beginning of the fifth decade of Ruritan Clubs in the 30 states serving their communities. Membership is composed of farmers, business and professional men and other citizens interested in promoting improvement in all facets of community life.

Exemplary projects and clubs were honored during last week's Ruritan Convention in St. Louis for such matters as citizenship, patriotism, environment, social concerns, human development, transportation, business and professions, and public service.

Headquartered in Stouffer's Riverfront Towers Hotel, Ruritan delegates were both entertained and enlightened by Mr. Ross V. Hersey, the keynote speaker. His message was "enthusiasm through medium of humor".

Presiding over what was the largest rural civic organization in the United States was outgoing Ruritan National President, J. Thomas Benfield of Point of Rocks, Maryland. He was succeeded by C. Edgar (Ed) Cartner of Davie County (Sheffield-Calahain) North Carolina.

Of particular interest to the Ruritans in the Counties of Appomattox, Charlotte, Prince Edward, Cumberland and Buckingham, is the election of Joseph S. Weakley (Joe), as a National Director. He lived in this area when attending High School in Appomattox. Joe has been living in Midlothian, Va. with his wife Betty Newsom and their daughter Betty Jo and son, Thomas. He is self employed and has been a General Contractor for 21 years. He has held a number of offices in the Appomattox Ruritan National District, including that of District Governor. He was one of 14 candidates for the office of 3 year Director. Seven were elected.

Appomattox Elementary Menus

Mon., Feb. 4 - Sliced Turkey sandwich, vegetable soup, apple cobbler, milk.

Tues., Feb. 5 - Foot long hot dogs, pork n' beans, french fries, fruit cup, milk.

Wed., Feb. 6 - Hamburger on bun, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, milk, cookies.

Thurs., Feb. 7 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tomato & lettuce salad, plums, rolls, milk.

Fri., Feb. 8 - Oven battered fish w/catsup, corn bread, green peas, creamed potatoes, applesauce, milk.

Mon., Feb. 11 - Beef-a-roni, buttered broccoli, sliced peaches, cookies, rolls, milk.

Tues., Feb. 12 - Sloppy Joe, coleslaw, pork 'n beans, sliced pineapple, milk.

Wed., Feb. 13 - Corndogs w/mustard, macaroni &cheese, green peas, fruit cup, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 14 - Bologna and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, cake squares w/icing, milk.

Fri., Feb. 15 - Sausage-patties, hot rolls, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk.

Mon., Feb. 18 - Hot dog on bun w/dressing, coleslaw, french fries, sliced peaches, milk.

Tues., Feb. 19 - Cheeseburgers, creamed potatoes, turnip greens, purple plums, milk.

Wed., Feb. 20 - Oven fried chicken, green beans, sliced bread, buttered corn, fruit cup, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 21 - Cheese pizza w/beef, tomato and lettuce salad, sliced carrots, applesauce, milk.

Fri., Feb. 22 - Fish squares on bun, potato rounds, corn, purple plums, milk.

Mon., Feb. 25 - Sliced turkey sandwich, vegetable soup, peach pie, milk.

Tues., Feb. 26 - Chili-concarnie w/beans, coleslaw, rolls, apple cobbler, milk.

Wed., Feb. 27 - Meatloaf, hot rolls, turnip greens, creamed potatoes, fruit cup, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 28 - Chuckwagon on bun, green peas, french fries, sliced peaches, milk.

Fri., Feb. 29 - Hot dog on bun w/dressing, pork n' beans, potato rounds w/catsup, applesauce, milk.

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Father Darkleaf

By: CALVIN ROBINSON

There were moments when we wondered if Appomattox was aiming to be available to host The Winter Olympics. But the snow did not get deep enough and it would have taken a lot of doing to get Piney Mountain in shape for ski runs. Lake Placid had the jump on us anyway.

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Sometime Thursday night we will pass the halfway point in February. No mean accomplishment. And in about five weeks it will be Spring. We will be ready.

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When Maryjane Smith, of Pamplin, was at ACHS she starred in girls basketball, scoring over 1,000 points. Now at Longwood College, Farmville, she has continued as a star performer and passed the 1,000 point mark last week, with several more games on the schedule. Only one other Longwood player has reached such a career total, Sue Rama having reached 1,000 in 1978. Appomattox girls have long excelled in basketball and here's a salute to Maryjane Smith.

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Observance of Valentine's Day has a history of hundreds of years and 'tis still going strong. But there have been some changes. Such as the decline of the Comic Valentine. Remember when the comic greetings made the day dreaded by fat persons? Unsigned Comic Valentines arrived in the mail and were promptly hid away before even the family could see them. It is different now for I have seen lovely Valentine greeting cards and a ravish display of Valentine candy in heart-shaped boxes. May everyone be someone's Valentine.

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Maybe small birds have spread the word in the animal kingdom that there is a feeder on Martha Street. I glanced out the window while having breakfast and saw a rabbit at my front door. Mired in snow, almost, and me without carrots.

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Such a rush of business at local food stores, with shoppers stocking up on food for the family. But a lady proudly showed me her purchase . . . a lovely potted African violet. Bless you.

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The weather forecast had been for snow but none was falling at bedtime. Sometime during the night I awoke to hear highway scrapers at work. Went back to sleep knowing that I would be able to drive my car in the morning and said a prayer of thanks that we have crews on the job to offset stable traffic to move. Same goes for all those who get their job done regardless of handicaps. My morning paper arrived on time.

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Spring is only weeks away and we will need a big Spring Clean-Up. Indoors and out. Usually winter snows leave lots of fallen tree limbs but I have not noticed many this time. Perhaps March winds will sever limbs weakened by a load of snow. Good place to start your annual Clean-Up is with closets and that can begin now.

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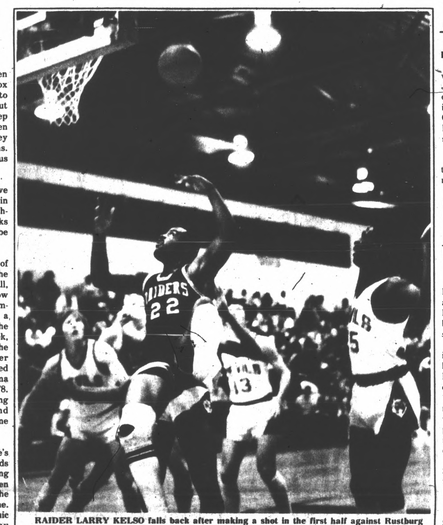
Much of my adult life has been concerned with newspapers. One of the big changes has been the increase in the food store advertising. The supermarket is big business and gets a lot of readership. But the best way to read a newspaper is to read all of it, even such things as a front page column. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.



RAIDER LARRY KELSO falls back after making a shot in the first half against Rustburg Friday night. The Raiders fell to a run-and-gun Rustburg offense which amassed 77 points, to the Raiders' 63. The Raiders may get a chance for revenge, however, as they will most likely meet Rustburg again in the Seminole District basketball tournament, which begins next week. For details, see sports section.

Emergency plan still distant

By: BECK HUDSON

We're a long way from where we should be," W. R. Britton, Jr., the county's coordinator of emergency and energy services, told the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors Friday. "I think it will really scare you."

Britton will meet with the three-member board March 3 regarding the county's existing Emergency Operations Plan to advise them as to just how "far behind" the county is at this time.

The plan, adopted in 1979 after three years of preparation, lists organizational structure for communications and priority of action, but Britton pointed out that it has not been tested yet.

Board members were invited to attend an emergency services "Table Top Exercise", sponsored by the State Office of Emergency Services, at 9 a.m. on Feb. 28 at the Appomattox Town Office.

In the "Table Top Exercise", emergency units will be tested in a simulated natural disaster and participants should find out the chances of surviving a disaster in the county.

The project will involve fire and emergency units, law enforcement departments, and representatives from schools and extension services. Britton said, "we'll probably make mistakes, but that's what it's for, we learn by our mistakes". The outline of the project will be presented to various groups and they will react to the emergency using the county's existing Emergency Operations Plan.

The plan covers any emergency situation, according to Britton, from floods to nuclear war, but he emphasized the brunt of the preparation must come from individuals who probably would initiate the reaction.

Britton said they hope it will be a self-help program where people can recognize the emergency and be able to respond to it without calling the supervisors or him.

The potential for any type emergency continually exists and Britton referred to a situation within the Courthouse Square complex recently that could have been explosive.

A gasoline delivery apparently for the Sheriff's Department was pumped into the fuel oil tank by mistake, according to Britton, and was a potential "powder keg" for several days in November. Fortunately, the weather was warm and the heat system was not activated but without some properly placed phone calls to emergency people by county staff, the area could have gone up like a torch.

Britton said following the 9 a.m. emergency simulation, a hazardous materials workshop will be held the night of Feb. 28 at the rescue squad building to acquaint interested persons with various things that could create emergencies if exposed.

The board approved a request from the Appomattox County Extension Service giving them authority to give leadership to an anti-litter campaign to be conducted during the Spring of 1980.

Mrs. Shirley Walton, extension agent, asked for the "blessings" of board members regarding the project that will involve Extension Homemakers, Garden Club, 4-H Clubs, other civic and youth groups.

Mrs. Walton explained that the purpose of this clean-up anti-litter campaign is to involve all Appomattox County citizens in cleaning up and improving their environment and to create an awareness and appreciation for maintaining a clean county.

When the date is set the board will issue a proclamation declaring the "Appomattox County Clean-Up Campaign" an official project.

Supervisors re-appointed W. Allen Burke, R. C. Hubbard, John H. Ranson and W. L. Williamson to four-year terms as members of the Appomattox County Planning Commission. Horace W. Coleman, board member, was appointed to a four year term on the commission replacing ex-board member Otho W. Martin, Jr.

Other members of the Appomattox Planning Commission are S. B. Waddell, chairman, C. S. Booth, Albert Baldwin, H. B. Pack, and C. W. Vandegraff.

Kenneth Marston and two other representatives of the newly organized Red House Fire Department appeared before the supervisors requesting financial assistance.

"We have organized within the last 30 days, starting at zero dollars", Marston said, "and would appreciate any help you can give us". They have purchased two used fire trucks and need a building, miscellaneous equipment and insurance, that will be in excess of $35,000.

Being on the county line, members of the Red House Fire Department feel that they will give half their service to residents of Appomattox County, according to Marston, and they asked for a sizeable donation for the first year.

It is the policy of the supervisors to make annual donations to fire departments adjoining Appomattox but agreed to consider a larger amount for Red House Fire Department when they plan the budget for the next fiscal year.

Twenty-nine members have already signed up for active membership in the Red House Fire Department and they expect more to sign up in the near future, Marston said.

The meeting recessed until Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. when the board will be in executive session for a short time before they hear Britton's report on the existing Emergency Operations Plan.

School budget sent to County Supervisors

The Appomattox County Board of Education will present a $4,621,222 budget to the Board of Supervisors Friday to be considered for the 1980-81 school year.

The budget shows an increase of 15.2 percent over last year's budget, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools.

The cost of operating and maintaining the school plant, as well as the cost of transporting pupils showed the greatest increases among the 15 budget expenses listed.

Pupil transportation rose 34.5 percent from $323,765 to $435,500 in the proposed budget.

Operation of the school plant rose 31.2 percent, from $329,800 to $432,800 in the proposed budget. Maintenance of the school plant shows an increase of 41.7 percent, from $106,522 to $151,000 in the proposed budget.

Walton attributed much of the increase to rising energy costs, and expenses such as additional personnel brought on by state and federal mandate.

The cost of teachers' salaries increased 13.1 percent. Proposed teachers' salaries run from $10,000 a year for a teacher with no experience to $15,000 a year for a teacher with 17 years' experience.

Of the total $589,685 increase in the proposed budget, $358,906 would come from local (county) funds. This comparies with an increase of approximately $200,000 in the current budget over the 1978-79 budget.

Board member Berkley Drinkard noted that "the federal and state governments have led us down the line with mandates, and yet the locality has to come up with the extra money to pay for the increased costs."

Board member Dr. A. A. Fratrick said he believed that the proposed budget is realistic, however. After further discussion board members voted unanimously to forward the proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Board members also heard a group of parents who requested that a physical education teacher be hired for county primary and elementary school students.

Spokeswoman Julia Perkins noted that the gymnasium at the elementary school and gymnastics equipment already owned by the schools could be used if such a program were developed, and the only additional cost would be that of a teacher's salary.

She said that of 527 children recently administrated a state physical education examination consisting of six tests, only 55 had passed all six seored satisfactory or better on all six tests.

Jim Crawford, a physical education teacher at the middle school, estimated that between 35 percent and 60 percent of students in grades K through 6 are overweight. He added that a primary elementary physical program would not consist of competitive games, but would instead focus on teaching children how to take care of their bodies and how to develop motor coordination.

Superintendent of Schools Walton noted that the school board will have to employ four additional teachers in order to bring the teacher student ratio up to 1:21 next year, according to state mandate.

Rescue-squad exemption

Council supports bill

By: BECK HUDSON

There could be some good news in the near future for volunteer rescue squads if House Bill No. 334 is passed by the Virginia State Senate.

Last year an all-out effort was put forth to get the Virginia State Health Department to exempt volunteer rescue squads from Rules and Regulations drawn up for paid emergency medical personnel.

The effort was unsuccessful and the State Health Department mandated that volunteer members of rescue squads in the State must have the identical training and abide by the same Rules and Regulations set forth for salaried emergency medical personnel.

At its Monday night meeting, members of the Appomattox Town Council adopted a resolution urging the passage of House Bill No. 334.

House Bill No. 334, a bill to amend and reenact by the General Assembly Section 8.01-225 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to persons rendering emergency medical care, was introduced Jan. 24 by Delegate Mary Sue Terry. The bill has passed in the House of Delegates and is now on the floor of the Senate.

If the pending bill passes in the Senate, volunteer rescue squad members will no longer be required to have the same training as mandated for salaried emergency medical personnel.

House Bill No. 334 states that "any emergency medical care attendant or technician possessing a valid certificate issued by authority of the State Board of Health who in good faith renders emergency care or assistance, without compensation, to any injured or ill person, whether at the scene of an accident, fire or any other place, or while transporting such injured or ill person to, from or between any hospital, medical facility, medical clinic, doctor's office or other related medical facility, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such emergency care, treatment or assistance, whether or not such acts or omissions involve violations of State Department of Health regulations or any other State regulations in the rendering of such emergency care or assistance".

Council's resolution is stated as follows: "**Whereas**, We view a great discrepancy between compensated and volunteer emergency care; and **Whereas**, We were opposed to changes already enacted in Chapter 16.1 of the Code of Virginia; and **Whereas**, Local Rescue squads are a vital link to rural areas in giving emergency treatment; and **Whereas**, Government intervention in local affairs is at an all time high; and **Whereas**, Changes made in Chapter 16.1 of the Code seeks to abolish the rights of private citizens to help others in need: Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Appomattox Town Council urges the passage of House Bill No. 334. We view the immediate passage of said bill to be in good judgment and allow rural areas to continue to provide emergency care to the best of their ability and without intervention".

Members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad opposed the Rules and Regulations because they felt that volunteers should not be required by law to operate by the same rules and regulations set forth for paid emergency medical personnel.

Members of the local rescue squad say they want to get as much training as possible, to give the best emergency care possible, but note that it is impossible to manage a 40-hour work week, have sufficient time to spend responding to the emergency calls, and also spend in excess of a hundred hours annually in one type training program or another.

"To be quite honest about the matter," one member said, "we want to have as much training as possible, but we want it in order to help others and ourselves, not because we are told by the State Health Department that in order to have a rescue squad we must follow their Rules and Regulations or we cannot operate".

School-registration meeting rescheduled

The meetings with parents and students to discuss course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1980-81, which was scheduled for Monday, February 11 has been rescheduled, following last week's inclement weather.

The new schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Place	Present Grade
Mon., Feb. 18	9:05 - 9:35 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	9
	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	10
	10:55 - 11:45 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	11
	1:15 - 2:10 p.m.	Cafeteria, AMS	8
	2:10 - 3:05 p.m.	Cafeteria, AMS	7
Monday night, Feb. 18	8:00 p.m.	Library, ACHS	7,8,9,10,11

The purpose of these meetings is to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1980-1981. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present for the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that every parent will plan to attend one of the discussion meetings that has been scheduled.

Registration for courses by students for the next school year is to begin Monday, Feb. 18 and end on Monday, Feb. 25. Guidance counselors in the Appomattox Middle School and Appomattox County High School will then, through personal and group sessions, aid students in their course selections for their high school years. "It is very important that parents be familiar with the many course offerings that are available, and be in a position to help their children in the selection", explained Mr. Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools. Final registration is to be completed by April 1, and further changes in courses will not be made unless it has been determined that there are unusual circumstances. The choices of subjects will be used to schedule classes and to determine classes and to determine staff needs for the 1980-81 school year.

AN ACRE AND A HALF OF LOBLOLLIES--David Smith, Wayne Bowman and Bob Frey (from left) of the state Division of Forestry are shown with loblolly pine seedlings which will eventually cover an acre and a half of land. The men, who work out of the Appomattox Division of Forestry office, are currently aiding local landowners in planting tree crops.